

Application No.: 10/764,571**Docket No.: 713-1029****AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A screw anchor for friable material, said anchor comprising a roughly cylindrical body;
a drilling portion provided at a free end of the body with drilling teeth;
a bearing flange at the other end of the body; and
an external screw thread wound around the body in one direction;
the drilling portion being configured as a portion of a drill bit, wherein the drill bit portion has two helical flutes in the same direction as the external screw thread, each of said flutes opening onto a flat surface forming the wall of a central drilling tooth and of one of two lateral drilling teeth.
2. (previously presented) The anchor according to claim 1, further comprising a threaded shank portion that extends the body beyond the bearing flange .
3. (previously presented) The anchor according to claim 1, wherein the body is hollow and pierced with a bore.
4. (previously presented) The anchor according to claim 1, wherein said drilling portion further comprises two drill bit ribs bordering said flutes, each of said ribs forming one of said lateral drilling teeth.

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5. (previously presented) The anchor according to claim 4, further comprising a threaded shank portion that extends the body beyond the bearing flange.

6. (previously presented) The anchor according to claim 4, wherein the body is hollow and pierced with a bore.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A screw anchor, comprising:
a shank;
a head formed at an upper end of said shank;
a drilling portion formed at a lower end of said shank; and
a plurality of external threads which helically coil about said shank between said head and said drilling portion;
wherein said drilling portion comprises
a central drilling tooth having opposing flat surfaces; and
two helical flutes helically extending in the same direction as the external threads, each of said flutes ending at one of said flat surfaces of said central drilling tooth; and

~~The anchor of claim 7,~~ wherein said drilling portion further comprises two lateral drilling teeth on opposite sides of said central drilling tooth, each of said lateral drilling teeth having a flat surface being an extension of one of the flat surfaces of said central drilling tooth.

9. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 8, wherein said drilling portion further comprises two drill bit ribs bordering said flutes, each of said ribs forming one of said lateral drilling teeth.

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10. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 9, wherein each of said flat surfaces of the central drilling tooth extends laterally to define the flat surface of only one of said lateral drilling teeth, and the rib that forms the other of said lateral drilling teeth defines a raised border of said central drilling tooth on said flat surface.

11. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 10, wherein each of said flat surfaces of the central drilling tooth extends laterally to define the flat surface of only one of said lateral drilling teeth.

12. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 11, wherein each of said flat surfaces of the central drilling tooth extends downwardly to an pointed end of said central drilling tooth which pointed end is a lowermost point of said anchor.

13. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 12, wherein each of said flutes ends abruptly at the respective flat surface of the central drilling tooth.

14. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 13, wherein said flat surfaces of the central drilling tooth define four cutting edges.

15. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 12, further comprising a threaded shank portion located above said head.

16. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 12, wherein said shank is hollow and has a bore.

17. (currently amended) A screw anchor, comprising:
a shank;

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a head formed at an upper end of said shank;
a drilling portion formed at a lower end of said shank; and
a plurality of external threads which helically coil about said shank between said head and
said drilling portion;

wherein said drilling portion comprises
a central drilling tooth having opposing flat surfaces; and
two helical flutes helically extending in the same direction as the external threads, each of
said flutes ending at one of said flat surfaces of said central drilling tooth; and

~~The anchor of claim 7,~~ wherein said drilling portion further comprises two lateral drilling teeth on opposite sides of said central drilling tooth, each of said lateral drilling teeth having a flat surface being a continuous extension of one of the flat surfaces of said central drilling tooth.

18. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 17, wherein each of said flat surfaces of the central drilling tooth extends downwardly to an pointed end of said central drilling tooth which pointed end is a lowermost point of said anchor.

19. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 17, wherein each of said flutes ends abruptly at the respective flat surface of the central drilling tooth.

20. (previously presented) The anchor of claim 17, wherein said flat surfaces of the central drilling tooth define four cutting edges.